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TO AMEMBASSY BONN IMMEDIATE

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1. WE REALIZE THAT FRG NEEDS TIME TO FORMULATE NEW
NEGOTIATING MANDATE FOR HERMES. HOWEVER, WE WOULD STILL
LIKE TO HOLD NEXT NEGOTIATING SESSION DURING FIRST FEW
DAYS OF FEBRUARY AT THE LATEST, AND YOU SHOULD ENCOURAGE
FRG TO MEET THIS SCHEDULE. WE ARE NOT REPEAT NOT ATTRACTED
BY THE IDEA OF SCHEDULING THE NEXT SESSION IMMEDIATELY
BEFORE OR AFTER THE FEBRUARY 11 ENERGY CONFERENCE. WE
WOULD NOT WANT HERMES' CONCENTRATION ON ENERGY MATTERS TO
BE DISTURBED BY OFFSET, NOR HIS ATTENTION TO OFFSET PROBLEMS
INTERRUPTED BY ENERGY.

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2. UNDER SECRETARY CASEY PLANS TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR VON STADEN JANUARY 24 TO GIVE VON STADEN US POSITION AS SPELLED OUT IN REF B. CASEY WILL EMPHASIZE OUR DESIRE TO MOVE AHEAD QUICKLY.

3. PARA 3 OF REF A SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT WE WILL BE SATISFIED WITH LESS THAN FULL BILATERAL OFFSET FROM FRG. THE FACT THAT RECEIPTS OF DOLS 1.6 BILLION FROM FRG IN FY 74 WOULD LEAVE DOLS 520 MILLION TO BE COVERED BY FY 75 RECEIPTS FROM OTHER EUROPEAN NATO ALLIES DOES NOT MEAN THAT LATTER FIGURE MIGHT NOT BE EXCEEDED. TO THE EXTENT THAT IT IS, GERMAN SOFT OFFSET COULD BE REPLACED BY OTHER NATO HARD OFFSET FOR JACKSON-NUNN PURPOSES, PERMITTING PRESENTATION OF HIGHER QUALITY PACKAGE TO CONGRESS. PARA 3 OF REF A REPRESENTS HIGHEST QUALITY PACKAGE WHICH AT THIS POINT IT APPEARS WE COULD END UP WITH IF ALL GOES WELL. FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSION WITH FRG, EMBASSY SHOULD USE FIGURES GIVEN IN REF B. KISSINGER

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